

Providence, R. I., June 3, 1886

Dear Professor Palmer.

During the college year 1875-'6 in this college, so nearly as I can calculate, four and seven tenths of the work of Junior & Senior years was elective. At present, the proportion is forty seven and one half percent. for the same two years. The increase in elective work has thus been from .04,7 to .47,5, or more than tenfold. Even this does not in any means display the enlarged power of the elective system with us, since the range of election is nearly or quite as much greater <sup>than ten years ago,</sup> as is the proportion of elective hours.

The above estimate relates only to the A.B. course. In our course for the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy, there has been no increase in the proportion of hours





of nominally elective work; but really

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here too the change has been most marked,  
 tho difficult to exhibit numerically. For while,  
 ten years ago, the pupil in this course could  
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 choose only between two or three subjects, he  
 can now elect any one of a dozen.

I hope I have given you the information  
 sought. If I have not, or if I can aid you in  
 any other way, please call upon me again.

Please accept a copy of our latest Catalog. It shows  
 nearly what we are doing, tho we have arranged for some  
 extension of elective work since it was published.

I have intended ever since receipt of your Cir-  
 cular, to contribute to the Caird fund. Did too late?  
 It not, as I am about to be in funds, I am an-  
 xious to send something. I esteem Caird as among  
 the world's foremost thinkers. What (to me) is more, he  
 has been my mental benefactor.

Yours with great respect,

E. Benj. Andrews.

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Very sincerely,  
Yours with great respect,  
C. Bay